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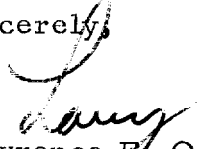
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Dear John:

We have talked to Senator Olin Johnston about the problem of retroactive payment under the Pay Bill for agencies such as CIA and NSA which have administrative discretion for making promotions and establishing salaries. It would appear that neither agency was alert to the omission of coverage provisions in the Pay Bill in time for corrective steps to be taken. There is no procedure which would permit a conference to insert into a bill language which was not contained in either the Senate or the House versions. To do so would invite the making of a point of order which would automatically delete the language.

It is my understanding that Senator Johnston is most anxious to work something out in this area before Congress adjourns.

Sincerely,

  
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